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Application No. 09976187 :DECISION GRANTING PETITION
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This is a decision on the electronic petition, filed August 30,2011 ,under 37 CFR 1.378(c)
to accept the unintentionally delayed payment of the 3.5 year maintenance fee for the above-identified patent.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The maintenance fee is accepted, and the above-identified patent reinstated as of August 30,2011 .
This decision also constitutes notice that the fee has been accepted. An electronic copy of the petition and
this decision has been created as an entry in the Image File Wrapper. Nevertheless, petitioner should print
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